

REMARKS

This amendment is being proposed in response to the Final Office Action dated June 17, 2003.

Entry of the foregoing amendment is believed to be proper and timely as it would now place all claims in condition for allowance.

Specifically, Claims 59-62 were previously indicated as being allowable. The amendment would place all claims in a condition such that they all depend from Claim 59 or an intervening claim.

Claims 1-37, which stand rejected, would be withdrawn.

Claims 38-40, 43, 44, 47, 49, and 52-56 would be amended to either depend from Claim 59 or indirectly through an intervening claim.

Claim 58 was previously canceled from consideration.

In view of the foregoing amendments it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Applicant reserves the right to present withdrawn Claims 1-37 in a co-pending continuation application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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